1	2	3
6.	Famine Relief	120.00
7.	Road Maintenance	100.00
8.	PMGSY	450.00
	TOTAL:	2200.00

Terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir

*403. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Army officers in the rank of Major and above killed in different terrorist related attacks during the last three months in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to minimise these casualties?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 3 Army Officers of the rank of Major and above were killed in terrorist actions in J&K during the last three months *i.e.* from 1st September to 30th November, 2001.

(b) Appropriate measures are being taken by the Army to minimize casualties incurred during operations in J&K. These measures include, extensive orientation training of newly inducted units/personnel for effective performance in the prevailing operational environment, constant fine tuning of tactical drills and procedures ensuring optimal safety, and emphasis on the use of personal protection equipment.

Deployment of Para-Military Forces in Andhra Pradesh

*404. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached the Centre for the deployment of para-military forces after blasts in the various places in the State by the Peoples War Group;

(b) if not, whether the Central Government is contemplating deployment of para-military forces *suo-motu* in order to maintain the law and order; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Subject to their requirement and availability the Central Para-military Forces are already available at the disposal of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Representations on Jute Packaging Material Act

*405. DR. A.K. PATEL:
PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Textiles has been getting representations from MPs and State Chief Ministers on Jute Packaging Material Act over the past three years (1998-99, until now);

(b) if so, how many such representations have been received;

(c) the details of such VIP references categorised under State CMs, MPs and Central and State Ministers for indefinite extension to JPMA and review/ repeal of JPMA; and

(d) the response of Government to above representations and details of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Textiles has been getting representations from Chief Ministers, MPs and Central and State Ministers for extending/ diluting/repealing the norms of compulsory packing under the Jute Packing Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 (JPM Act). The details of such VIP references, category-wise is as follows: